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For: ADDITIVES FOR CRUSTACEAN OR FISH FEEDS AND FEEDS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner of Patent
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

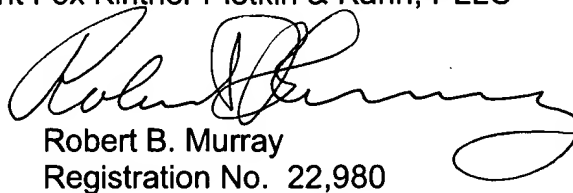
In response to the Office Action mailed April 9, 2001, which required restriction between two groups of claims, the applicants hereby elect Group I, namely claims 1-12 and 15-16. This election is with traverse, as claims 13 and 14 are dependent upon claims 11 and 12, respectively. In view of this dependency, it is clear that no additional burden is placed upon the Office by examining claim 13 and 14 with the elected group, so that reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is believed in order and is requested.

The Examiner also required the election of a single species from the species set forth in claim 15. The applicants hereby elect the vivrio diseases of crustaceans.

Early and favorable action on the merits is awaited.

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